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Danny Crosses the Laughing
 Brook.
 Look long enough and hard enough

You'll always and a way
You'll always and a way
You're hoping that you may.

Danny Meadow Mouse peeped out
from under the tangle of matted
grass back toward the Smiling Pool.
He was sure he had seen the
and higher in the air and there was
nothing in his great claws. It was
clear that he had failed to catch the
Big Pickled.

"I'm glad of it," muttered Danny.
"I'm glad of it," you think of it was
rather funny, for the Big Pickled
had been watching for Danny him-
self and would have been glad to
eat him up. But he had seen the
and Danny knew so well what it felt
like to be hunted for that he was
glad. The Big Pickled had been
given a fright, he was also glad
to see him go.

But Billy Mink, Snapper the Turtle
and the Big Pickled he could see
nothing at all. He was sitting
under the grass in hiding. Reddy Fox
was sitting on the opposite bank
looking up at the sky and grinning
at the great provoking way
they were getting away.

"They're fooling about poor little
meadow mouse," he said to himself.
"They're fooling about poor little
meadow mouse."

topped, pig-a-pattin' quite so fast. The thing for me to do is to keep going with it, and after a good long time I get across to the other side. I don't dare swim across the water, I'm afraid. I see a lot of women in right here, and if I keep following along the bank perhaps I will get across. I don't know, but without having to swim. It isn't the water, but the things in the water. I don't like them. I don't like the thought of the Big Picklerel.

As soon as he had quite recovered from his fright, he started on his long hiding place to another—here a bunch of grass, there a big mullein, and there a pile of sticks. He never stopped out in the open. No, indeed! He hid himself in the grass and the reeds of Meadow Mouse folly!

Now the water in the Laughing Brook was so full of water lilies and merry little falls, or seemingly rested in quiet pools, but for a long time he had not been able to find a place for a tired Little Meadow Mouse who was afraid to swim because of the things in the water. But now, though he rested often among Daffod green and more tired.

Nearly 100 wives of the American soldiers, and sailors of the last detachment, were in Great Britain with leave for the United States on the special train about October 13.